

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 4:13 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lakin called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Present
Archie	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Dutton	Present	Lakin	Present
Bellis	Present	Bush	Present
Gilbert	Present		
Present:		9	
Absent:		0	

STAFF PRESENT

Jack Blair, City Attorney
Sarah Davis, Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

Jack Blair, City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Ty Burns for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

3. Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to discuss the request of Tulsa Police Officer Ty Burns for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 12/18/24] 24-1151-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on item 3. Councilor Hall-Harper seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:04 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Jack Blair and Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department and Council Staff members, Sarah Davis and Lori Doring, were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Lawson Vaughn from the City Legal Department addressed the Council regarding the case.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

4.
- Exit Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the request of Tulsa Police Officer Ty Burns for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 12/18/24] 24-1151-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:07 P.M.

Councilor Decter Wright moved to approve the request of Tulsa Police Officer Ty Burns for legal representation in the matter of Case No. 24-CV-470, LaDonna Paris v. Tulsa Police Department et al filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. Councilor Dutton seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Archie	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Dutton	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Bush	Yea
Gilbert	Yea		

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

5.
- Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or her designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, resources, schedules, and events. Note: This item will include an overview of processes for Council administrative department communication and available resources. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Sarah Davis discussed upcoming City Council meetings, City Council staff, and City Council Office holiday hours. Councilor Lakin discussed new City Council Committee meeting chairs.

6.
- Discussion with Council Staff regarding follow-up from the 2024 Legislative Forum. [CC 12/18/24] 24-1170-1

Marissa Gomez, Project Manager, spoke. Discussion ensued.

7.
- Adjournment.
Chair Lakin adjourned the meeting at 4:50 P.M.

Phil Lakin, Jr., Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council